

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HANCOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District Board of the Hancock Public School District, Houghton County, State of Michigan.

Meeting open -Pledge of Allegiance

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Hancock Public Schools was held in the boardroom on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 5:30p.m. President Jordan called the meeting to order.

Present: Catherine Jordan, Michael Lancour, Rod Paavola, Taylor Paul, Emilie Lancour, Charlie Klein, Wendy Chynoweth

Recognition of Any Delegation or Individual:

Ethan Perrault (and Ms. Meckler): congratulations on the high rating for his band performance!

Agenda Items:  
Routine Matters

Adoption of Agenda

It was recommended by Superintendent Salani that the submitted agenda be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion unanimously carried.

Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2024.

It is recommended by Superintendent Salani that the submitted minutes of the regular meeting of February 19, 2024, be approved. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member M Lancour to approve the submitted minutes for the February 19, 2024 meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

Approval of checks written for the Month of February 2024.

It is recommended by the CCISD Assistant Business Manager, Jeff Klein, with concurrence by Board Treasurer, Wendy Chynoweth, that the checks written for the month of February 2024 be approved as presented. Moved by Member Chynoweth, seconded by Member Paul, to approve the checks written for the month of February 2024. The motion unanimously carried.

Approval of the finance statement for February 2024. It is recommended by the CCISD assistant business manager with concurrence by board Treasurer Wendy Chynoweth that the finance statement for February 2024 be approved as presented. Moved by Member Chynoweth seconded by Member Klein to approve the finance statement for February. Motion unanimously carried

Visitor Comments:  
12 visitors

- Emery Chynoweth spoke about liking the flexibility of trimesters.

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New Business:

Superintendent Report: Chris Salani

1. Library Update
  - a. Katrina Linde-Moriarty shared an update on the progress made over the past 6 years including materials, grants, patron information, the book vending machine, and offerings like Hoopla and Libby.
  - b. She also presented a proposal of a projected budget and a three-year agreement.
2. McAfee Field Usage
  - a. Superintendent Salani shared requests by the community to use the field. Consideration of a fee structure similar to what is currently in place for the gym.
  - b. A conversation about the name will be coming in the future.
3. CCASB Awards dinner
  - a. will be held on March 20, 2024
4. Annual Board of Education training update
  - a. board members will register with Jill
5. Great Start Readiness Program (GRSP) recommendation
  - a. Jen Beaudette (ISD), director, would like to renew the license with Hancock to operate a classroom in the fall at Barkell Elementary
  - b. This is similar to what other districts offer to 4 and 5-year-old children.
  - c. Hancock will continue our program for 3-5-year-old children.
6. Bus garage
  - a. Community is interested in purchasing
  - b. A new appraisal is needed

Principal Reports: see attached/below

1. Dan Vaara: Barkell Elementary School
2. Hannah Asiala: Hancock Middle and High School

Liaison Reports

1. The HPS Foundation did not meet.
2. The Hancock Recreational Committee met. A discussion was held in regard to the grants, recreation plan, signage, murals, budget, and the Easter Egg hunt
3. The DDA shared that the current sign at the end of the bridge will be removed but a new sign will be added.

New Business/Discussion/Action Items:

1. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the hire of Noelle Pinar, Barkell Elementary Representative for the Parental Advisory Committee (PAC) for Special Education. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paul to approve the hire of Noelle Pinar, Barkell Elementary Representative for the Parental Advisory Committee (PAC) for Special Education. Motion unanimously carries.

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2. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to accept the resignation of Julie Meyette, Elementary Paraprofessional Aide. She will be retiring at the end of the school year. Moved by Member Chynoweth, seconded by Member M Lancour to accept the resignation of Julie Meyette Elementary Paraprofessional Aide. The motion unanimously carried.
3. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to accept the resignation of Tyler Sturos, Middle School Math Teacher. He will be leaving to pursue a career in actuary at the end of the school year. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member E Lancour to accept the resignation of Tyler Sturos, MS Math Teacher. The motion unanimously carried.

Adjournment of Open Session to go into closed Session. Moved by Member Chynoweth, seconded by Member Klein to go into closed session for Periodic Personnel Evaluation. C. Jordan yea, M. Lancour yea, E. Lancour yea, W. Chynoweth yea, R. Paavola yea, C. Klein yea, and T. Paul yea. The motion unanimously carried.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8:28 pm

It is recommended by Board Secretary E. Lancour to approve the minutes of the closed session meeting of 3/18/24. Moved by Member Paavola seconded by Member Paul to approve the minutes of the closed session meeting of 3/18/24. The motion unanimously carried.

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Member Paul and seconded by Member Kelin to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm. The motion unanimously carried.

Emilie Lancour  
Board Secretary

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- March is Reading Month
  - Theme is Board Games
  - Children's Author
  - Kickoff Assembly
  - Mystery Readers
  - Book Raffles
  - Dress up Days
- Kindergarten Registration is April 23<sup>rd</sup> and will run from 8:30-5:30. Students and families will receive a tour of the school, meet the teachers, check out a school bus, and play on the playground. We accept applications any time.
- MSTEP coming up soon (4/8 - 5/17) 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades

# **Hancock Public School**

## **Hancock Middle/High School Board Report**

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### **Middle School**

#### **-PBIS Update/Advisory**

- Middle of Middle School Month
  - dress up days
  - skating at HOCO
  - Crab Ball
  - Volleyball

#### **-Other**

- 6 students participated in the District Spelling Bee in Houghton
- 6th grade Spanish class Trimester performed their Spanish Play “The Tortoise and the Hare”

### **High School**

- Mrs. Serafin took 10th grade and some upperclassmen to Gogebic for a field trip to tour the school and campus
- Mrs. Meckler and the band competed in the District Band Contest in Houghton
- NHS and Cross Country student volunteered and helped to set up the Copper Dawg events
- Exams were finished last week; overall went well
- Mrs. Serafin took a small group of students to visit MTU about their Health Careers options